

Governor Dirk Kempthorne's



Making a difference in the lives of Idaho's families and children.

**GOVERNOR'S COORDINATING COUNCIL
for FAMILIES and CHILDREN**

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Idaho State Capitol Building



~ www.brighteststars.idaho.gov ~

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Dirk Kempthorne
Governor

March 25, 2005

Along with the First Lady Patricia Kempthorne, I would like to congratulate Idaho's 2005 *Brightest Stars* and the *Red Wagon Communities of Promise* award recipients. They represent the best of Idaho and reflect an on-going commitment to our present and future children.

It is important to recognize outstanding Idahoans who care enough to personally invest their time and resources to make a positive difference in the lives of families and children. While the *Brightest Stars* award recognizes those who work tirelessly to make all our communities special places for families to live, the *Red Wagon Award* allows us to highlight an entire community. The collaborative effort at the community level is what makes our state a great place to live.

Thank you for helping the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children achieve its mission of promoting the well-being of Idaho's families and children. Your efforts have been the driving force in strengthening families in your community.

Together we can make Idaho the greatest state in the nation for our families and children.



A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
Governor



The Award

The Brightest Star Awards were established in 2001 by Governor Dirk Kempthorne, the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children (GCCFC), in partnership with the Association of Idaho Cities (AIC) to recognize the 'unsung heroes' who work tirelessly on behalf of families and children in their communities. The purpose of the Brightest Star awards is to encourage and affirm active participation by citizens of all ages.

The process for nominating a Brightest Star begins when a citizen completes the application and submits it to their mayor. Brightest Stars are nominated in one of these categories; business, individual, organization or corporation. Mayors from across Idaho then submit their recommendations to the Brightest Stars Prize Panel. Once applications are evaluated and recommendations are made, the Governor then selects the Grand Prize winners.

These everyday heroes are truly Idaho's Brightest Stars! For the fourth year now the council has selected its Brightest Stars from a constellation of stars representing communities like Ashton, Cottonwood, New Plymouth, and Rupert.

Grand prize winners are awarded \$5,000 and a crystal trophy. Additionally, a corporate grand prize category was created for 2003. Top prize winners represent a segment of our population that truly understands that healthy children are the cornerstones of healthy communities and healthy communities are the infrastructure of a healthy Idaho.

For more information about how to become involved or how to nominate an unsung hero, contact:

Mandy De Castro
Association of Idaho Cities
(800) 344-8594



The Governor, the GCCFC, AIC, Serve Idaho and 4-H look for the attributes listed below when selecting Idaho's unsung heroes.

- ☐ Asset building
- ☐ Providing necessities (food, shelter, or safety)
- ☐ Helps at-risk kids
- ☐ Is a caring person
- ☐ Is a program builder
- ☐ Has given many years of service
- ☐ Does not profit from work or service
- ☐ Service extends beyond the traditional work day
- ☐ Service is not part of the nominees' paid job
- ☐ Good community role model
- ☐ Does not have political or other motive for service
- ☐ Inspires others (national, state, regional, county, local levels)
- ☐ Gets employees, community members, family members involved (leadership)
- ☐ There is deep community support for a nomination
- ☐ Nominee serves in more than one organization or activity



Nomination Process

Nomination forms are available on the Association of Idaho Cities web site: www.idahocities.org ("AIC Programs" > "Brightest Stars" > "Nomination Form").

All completed forms are due to your mayor no later than August 30 of each year. Mayors then submit them to the Association of Idaho Cities at 3100 Vista Avenue, Suite 310, Boise, ID 83705.





IDAHO'S PROMISE

THE ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH

More than 30 Idaho delegates attended the 1997 Presidents' Summit For America's Future in Philadelphia. They returned with a vision to provide the Five Promises to Idaho children and adolescents. They had a goal to mobilize local social and economic capital to help ensure a healthy future for Idaho's next generation.

The Five Promises assure:

1. Ongoing relationships with Caring Adults
2. Safe Places with structured activities during non-school hours
3. Healthy Start and Healthy Future
4. Marketable Skills through effective education
5. Opportunities to Serve

BECOME A COMMUNITY OF PROMISE

Communities across the nation are finding the Five Promises a comprehensive framework that allows them to outline the essentials needed by all children and youth in their community. This framework helps to organize and engage all sectors of the community to play a role in positive youth development; organize delivery of services and resources to children and youth at sites where youth already congregate; and identify gaps in essential services and resources in the community to assure that children have access to each of the essentials. By focusing on collaboration and consensus building across sectors, Communities of Promise are able to improve the lives of children and youth in their community.

Communities of Promise develop action plans that include seven steps for mobilizing neighborhoods and communities:

1. Build an energized team
2. Establish a lead contact and community home
3. Establish your vision, mission, and goals
4. Define the resources you have available for youth
5. Map your capabilities to your needs
6. Develop a strategic plan
7. Deliver the Five Promises

THE GOVERNOR'S RED WAGON AWARD

The Governor's Red Wagon Award was developed in partnership with Governor Kempthorne, the First Lady Patricia Kempthorne and the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children in 2004. This award will once again be presented in conjunction with the Governor's Brightest Star awards.

The purpose of The Governor's Red Wagon Award is to recognize the Communities of Promise that are effectively fulfilling the Five Promises for youth. Communities of Promise across the state complete a report and submit it with their accomplishments to the Governor's office for consideration and evaluation. Finalists are then selected, and from the finalist list, a grand prize winner is selected and presented with the Governor's Red Wagon Award.

For more information on how to become a Community of Promise and/or how Idaho's Promise can help your community in creating a positive and nurturing environment for all children and youth, please call Erin K. Dooling at the University of Idaho - 4-H Program Office at (208) 885-7182 or Kelly Houston at Serve Idaho at (208) 658-2063.

COMMUNITIES OF PROMISE

Communities of Promise represent communities like Orofino, Rexburg, Boise and Salmon. The Grand Prize Winner is awarded \$5,000 to take back to their community to expand efforts to deliver the Five Promises to their youth.

The Governor, the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children, the Association of Idaho Cities, Serve Idaho, and University of Idaho 4-H look for these attributes when selecting Red Wagon Award Winners.

Effective leadership – A coalition/steering committee that has a diverse representation from various sectors in the community.

Strong Strategic Plan – A mission, vision and goals that are specific, measurable, and will meet the needs of its young people.

Successful Implementation – Successful in raising awareness, maintaining strong relationships with the media and engaging more partners.

Outcomes – An ability to measure efforts at reaching a critical mass of youth, collaborating with diverse sectors, and working toward sustainability.





Dirk Kempthorne
Governor
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Brightest Star Awards
February 10, 2005
State Capitol, 1st Floor Rotunda
Boise, Idaho

Entertainment	Meridian Youth String Quartet and Foundation Academy
Welcome	Dr. Jerome Hirschfeld
Nomination Process	Mayor Tammy de Weerd
Past, Present, and Future	First Lady Patricia Kempthorne
Recognition	Honorable Dirk Kempthorne, Governor of Idaho
~ Community of Promise Red Wagon Award ~	
~ 2005 Brightest Stars Grand Prize Winners Awards ~	
~ 2005 Brightest Stars Presentation of Pins & Certificates ~	
Closing Remarks	First Lady Patricia Kempthorne
Poetry Reading	"A Fence or an Ambulance" Ken Harward, Executive Director Association of Idaho Cities

Special thanks to the Foundations Academy and
the Meridian Youth String Quartet



The Office of the Governor

WHEREAS, the future of Idaho rests in the hands of the next generation of youth and children; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's "Brightest Stars" are unsung heroes who work to ensure the success of future generations without regard for recognition or compensation; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's "Brightest Stars" remind us all that the investments we make in the lives of youth and children will reap a lifetime of rewards for our families, communities and the state; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's "Brightest Stars" promote the concept that healthy children are integral to healthy communities and a healthy state; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's "Brightest Stars" message of volunteerism and service to others that these corporations, small businesses, community organizations, and individuals exemplify is further replicated in every corner of our state; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and character of Idaho's "2005 Brightest Stars" are recognized and applauded by all Idaho citizens; and

WHEREAS, the selfless actions of Idaho's "Brightest Stars" truly make a positive difference in the lives of families and children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 10, 2005, to be

B R I G H T E S T S T A R S D A Y

in Idaho, we must affirm and support the on-going commitment of these "Brightest Stars" to continue to serve in their communities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.


DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR


BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE



GRAND PRIZE WINNERS



Individual



Bob Paulos of Coeur d'Alene has provided food, gifts and toys to underprivileged families each holiday season through his work as chairman of "Christmas for All". The organization has helped 2,000 families each year for 20 years. He was also the moving force behind the annual holiday lighting ceremony that provides families and children with a special event the Friday after Thanksgiving. Bob also started an adopt-a-grandparent program, and he is providing \$500 scholarships to two young volunteers.

P.O. Box 620
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816



GRAND PRIZE WINNERS CONTINUED...

Small Business



Doc's Pizza of Rupert hires disadvantaged youth and people recovering from addictions and gives them a second chance. The owners, John "Doc" and Nettie Dockter, help their employees feel success and self-worth and give them a true taste of family life. Doc's Pizza teaches courtesy, creativity, love, friendliness, responsibility, management and ethics. The business, which has been part of the Rupert community for 25 years, donates financially and through service to local schools and the community.

John Dockter
P.O. Box 502
Rupert, ID 83350

Corporation



Kraft Foods of Rupert not only provides more than 200 jobs in the community, the company also feeds families and children who are homeless or less fortunate. Their employees participate in community service and fund-raisers. Kraft encourages its employees to be involved in service projects. The company budgets money for grants and donations for the homeless shelter, after-school programs, scouting programs, school reading programs, and others.

Beverly Kramer
311 S. Oneida St.
Rupert, ID 83350

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS CONTINUED...

Organization



Assistance League of Boise is an all volunteer, non-profit, philanthropic organization providing service and education to the Ada County community through 5 projects:

- * Operation School Bell(R)
- * History in the Bown House
- * Operation School Supplies
- * Kids on the Block, Inc.
- * Project Hearing

Many have benefited from the hard-work and commitment this organization offers.

Nancy Reberger
1201 Shaw Mountain Rd.
Boise, ID 83712



GOVERNOR'S RED WAGON AWARD



Boise's Promise is extremely strong and is valued by many. Director Matt McCarter has done an outstanding job developing strategic partnerships throughout the entire Treasure Valley. Youth are involved in all aspects of the decision-making and planning for this group. They also have strong working relations with America's Promise. Boise's Promise has done a masterful job helping to connect the dots, and linking organizations for collaborative purposes. The promise effort is housed at Boise

Parks and Recreation under Healthy Community*Healthy Youth (HC*HY). This has helped with sustainability of the program fiscally. One of the outstanding efforts of Boise's Promise has been their partnership with the Idaho Statesman and every local television station. The Statesman offers a full page of the local section of HC*HY every Friday that is youth driven. Boise's Promise also hosts numerous community events organized for youth, by youth.



Matt McCarter
P.O. Box 500
Boise, ID 83701
www.boisespromise.org



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ABOUT THE 2005 BRIGHTEST STARS

Northern (Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls)

Individual



Colleen Kelsey of Post Falls has been active in bettering the lives of children and young people through education, providing those in need a second chance. She had developed programs that require parental and student participation in community service. Colleen also serves as the coordinator for Safe & Drug Free schools in the district.

313 S. Park Drive
Post Falls, ID 83854

Organization



Children's Village Inc. in Coeur d'Alene offers refuge to children in crises by keeping siblings united. The program strengthens families, both on a temporary and on a long-term basis. The children greatly benefit because of the selfless efforts of generous hearts.

Tinka Schaffer

1350 W. Hailey Ave
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815





Post Falls Lions Club members have been instrumental in funding scholarships to the many deserving youth in their town. Hosting projects such as work force training and assisting with community activities enable the youth the opportunity to become better citizens.

Ken Cook

P.O. Box 1076
Post Falls, ID 83877

Southwestern (Caldwell, Nampa and Eagle)

Individual



Kayleigh C. Jack of Eagle spreads appreciation for music to children and families in her community through her efforts as a violin and fiddle teacher, tutor, coach, and performer. She works with schools and brings her music to community events. Kayleigh has been an outstanding youth volunteer with the Idaho Special Olympics and the Idaho Veterans Home.

739 W. Ashbourne Dr.
Eagle, ID 83616



Mayor Garret Nancolas of Caldwell,

energizes the youth of the community to get involved, and in turn, the youth feel a strong bond to their community. He established the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council and truly puts the youth first in all of his plans for the city, because the youth are the future. The MYAC has received national recognition. Mayor Nancolas was instrumental in bringing a YMCA to the community, and he created the Idaho Youth Games for young people from across the West.

P.O. Box 1177
Caldwell, ID 83606



Wanda Musgrave-Yellen of Nampa commits

countless hours at Central Elementary. She implemented the Accelerated Reading program and coordinates enrichment and character education. Wanda shows sincere concern for abused girls in the community through her involvement with fundraising.

412 E. Maine
Nampa, ID 83686

Organization



West Valley Little League of Eagle, a local recreational organization, focuses on teaching kids athletic and sportsmanship skills, while enhancing their sense of community spirit. The program emphasizes healthy sports and team building alternatives.

P.O. Box 962
Eagle, ID 83616

Small Business



The Landing Community & Art Center of Eagle was instrumental in the formation of the Eagle Youth Coalition. The owners, Mark and Jeanette Priddy, created The Landing Community & Art Center to create space for a teen center in downtown Eagle, a ballet school, an art school and a nonprofit food bank. The center also serves as a relief center for those who suffer from catastrophic events. The Priddys did not wait around for someone else to create something they saw was needed in their community.

Mark Priddy
149 W. State Street
Eagle, ID 83616

Southwestern (Boise, Meridian, Kuna)

Individual



Karen Mason of Boise inspires and leads those who touch the lives of Idaho's young children. As the executive director of the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children and as the director of Healthy Child Care Idaho, Karen works with community partners throughout the state to improve the quality of life for Idaho's young children and their families.

1471 Shoreline Dr.
Boise, ID 83702



Luke Connolly of Meridian is a positive role model for the youth in his community. He is proactively involved with the Young Eagles program, the P.A.L.S. program, and supports the Kuna FFA Ag Expo as a group leader.

2181 W. Lake Hazel Rd.
Meridian, ID 83642



Don Nesbitt of Meridian reveals his care, concern, and commitment; first as a Teacher, next a Vice Principal, and currently the Principal of Meridian High School. Don is a great leader to his staff and students by his devoted service. He encourages the youth to be the best they can be and is a compassionate member of Young Life. He is also involved in the city of Meridian Mayor's Anti-Drug Coalition.

1900 W. Pine Ave.
Meridian ID, 83642



L. Anne Hankins of Kuna has worked tirelessly as District Librarian for 11 years at the Kuna Library. She coordinated programs from Developmentally Disabled Children, to youth, and Outreach to Seniors for the development of individualized skills.

457 N. Locust
Kuna ID, 83634

Small Business



ANSER Charter School in Boise fully integrates community service into the curriculum. Each week, ANSER students participate in community service projects, and all sixth-graders engage in a full year of intensive service. Approximately 50 parents develop and coordinate the community activities, ranging from forging friendships with residents of a veterans home, to raising thousands of dollars for bird rehabilitation and conservation. In the past year, the 192 students provided more than 3,500 hours of service to over 7,300 individuals.

Suzanne Burton
1187 W. River St.
Boise, ID 83701

Organization



Lutheran Community Services Northwest of Meridian is designed to encourage children and youth to seek brighter futures by providing the following high-quality support:

- * Mental Health counseling
- * School-based therapy and sand-tray therapy groups
- * Rising S.T.A.A.R.S.(substance abuse prevention)

Jennifer Darling/Heather Donahue
8030 W. Emerald, Suite 1
Boise, ID 83704



Kuna Juvenile Justice of Kuna has implemented a Prevention/Intervention program devoted to the youth. Through community service and responsibility for one's actions, teens are encouraged to foster good behavior. Devoted peers role model the plan for a safe environment and instill leadership.

Zella Johnson

P.O. Box 123
Kuna, ID 83634

Central, South Central (Chubbuck, Gooding, Jerome, Kimberly, Hailey, Heyburn, Paul, Rupert)

Individual



Sara Aughney of Blackfoot is a young, outstanding leader. She has been active with the Firth Youth Council, raising money for books for local schools, reading to children, organizing a blood drive, and helping to organize the youth coalition's Summer Bash. At the same time, Sara has struggled with her health. She has had six major surgeries for an illness that has nearly taken her life. Between surgeries, she oversaw a project to tie 100 quilts for other children in the hospital. Through all of her trials, she has been a shining example to youth of all ages.

175 S. Lavaside
Blackfoot, ID 83221



Jessica Delaney of Blackfoot has been involved with the Blackfoot/Bingham County Youth Coalition for three years. She has presented important issues of teen life to other youth and adults in the region through a play called "Opening Windows." Jessica became the first youth director of the play, increasing its reach to young people at detention centers and taking the time to talk with the troubled youth there. She is involved with many other youth programs in her community.

633 West 100 South
Blackfoot, ID 83221



Merlin Miller has served the City of Chubbuck as a firefighter for 23 years. He goes the extra mile by teaching children about fire safety. Word about his fun and informative presentation spread, and schools from all over Southeastern Idaho come to hear it. Merlin also presents to community groups and Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops after work hours. He now has a mobile Fire Safety House that he takes on tour to events and schools. Merlin is also a member of the Safe Kids Coalition.

4980 Elizabeth
Chubbuck, ID83202



Rosanne Miller-Celaya of Gooding has worked to ensure that all children receive services to assist them in reaching their full potential. During her 31 years with the Gooding School District, Rosanne held positions such as general and special education teacher and director of special education and federal programs. She has been an advocate for children with special medical and education needs. She helped parents who wanted to learn English or access community resources. Rosanne has impacted 200 families each year through her efforts.

1418 State Highway 46
Gooding, ID 83330



Shari Kunz of Sun Valley developed a "Girls on the Run" program to educate and prepare young girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. She continually strives to better the community by countless hours of service projects and to motivate others to be their best.

P.O. Box 1226
Sun Valley, ID 83353



Mike Mason of Kimberly is a man with a true servant's heart. He does not like the limelight on him, but rather on the children of his community. Mike has for many years been the man behind the scenes in Kimberly who "makes it happen."

3467 North 3500 East
Kimberly, ID 83341



Trevor Barrott of Kimberly is an outstanding student who has organized a support network in his community for all military families called "Dare to Care." His dedicated example led to classmate support and as a result, funding was raised from local businesses.

113 Lincoln
Kimberly, ID 83441



Roanne Gillette of Paul has made a difference in her community by serving in PTA, the Booster Club, and organized fundraisers with the Kiwanis Hershey Track Meet. She has selflessly given support to the youth through coaching sports, providing transportation, and cheering them on to victory.

700 North 760 West
Paul, ID 83347



Connie Studer of Rupert has been a valued 4-H leader in Minidoka County for many years. Her dedication at summer youth camp and other youth activities instills growth and success of those she guides. The community is grateful for her efforts and commitment.

228-A South 100 East
Rupert, ID 83350

Corporation



Minidoka Memorial Hospital, Rupert, has made many opportunities available in the community, not only in the medical field, but as a true community hospital,” writes the nominator. “Minidoka Memorial has contributed over 4.8 million to our community in un-reimbursed programs and services. The hospital spends countless hours and funds to support activities, programs and events. The staff of over 200 employees contributes back to the community through various service activities and involvement. Minidoka Memorial Hospital goes beyond simple health care for the community by participating in local and regional programs to support and improve the living climate for all the citizens of Minidoka County.”

Tammy Hanks

1224 8th Street
Rupert, ID 83350



Small Business



Rupe's Burger Drive-In of Blackfoot has contributed to and started many new programs for youth in their community over the past 17 years. Rupe's generously collaborates with sports programs in the Blackfoot area, from Little League to Go-Carts. The drive-in also donates to the graduation parties at the local high schools and many other programs. The business throws a Blackfoot Pride Days celebration each year, providing family fun for the whole community.

Kevin and Janna Rupe

302 NE Main
Blackfoot, ID 83221



Home Sweet Homes, a Heyburn business was instrumental in establishing a domestic violence shelter for their community. The owners, Cary and Cherie Hamilton, agreed to sell a house to the shelter organization at cost, and Cary is working to convince other contractors to donate their time and materials to the project. The Hamiltons are also the recipients of the Spirit of Idaho Award from Senator Mike Crapo.

Cary & Cherie Hamilton

406 West 400 South
Heyburn, ID 83336

Organization



Soroptimist International of Blackfoot have served as mentors and role models for young women by adopting causes such as:

- * Refinishing a home used for the Crisis Center
- * Supplying 150 toiletry gift bags to shelter homes
- * Providing books to after-school programs

Through endless efforts, the Soroptimists honor girls and women by presenting the following awards, "The Women of Distinction," "Women Helping Women," "Girls of the Month," and "Girls of the Year."

Terri Hopkins

P.O. Box 745
Blackfoot, ID 83221





Positive Youth Development Project of Jerome is a collaboration between South Central Head Start and Jerome High School to develop education mentoring and coaching skills. Bilingual students volunteer services as home visits focusing on literacy, numeracy and social skills. Dedicated mentors have successfully strengthened 27 Head Start families.

Mary Marshall
147 North Adams
Jerome, ID 83338



Minidoka County 4-H Teen Association of Rupert are active in project clubs, schools, and their community. Particularly noteworthy is the teens' participation beyond the county level including:

- * State-to-state exchanges
- * State Teen Conference
- * 4-H Ambassadors & national trips

As a result, experienced youth lead and mentor younger members.

Donna Gillespie
85 E. Baseline
Rupert, ID 83350

Eastern, South Eastern (Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Rexburg, Salmon)

Individual



Albert (Al) E. Fridenstine of Idaho Falls sets an example of volunteer civic duty and provides his service to many organizations where food is needed. He makes daily trips to seven or eight sources and distributes food to many agencies. He has carried out this job for eighteen years, five days a week.

2485 S. Lee Avenue
Idaho Falls, ID 83404



Robin Villarreal of Idaho Falls serves the youth of her community and their families as a therapeutic foster home. She provides structure, encouragement and unconditional love, changing the negative misnomer about "being in a foster home." This proactive approach has immediate and long-term benefits. Many help those in need, but they don't bring them home with them. Robin does.

263 Martinsburg Lane
Idaho Falls, ID 83404



Vicky Mainzer of Pocatello has been instrumental in establishing community involvement by integrating youth and the elderly in various causes and family activities. She wrote an original musical “The Lively Story of Pocatello,” to recreate the history of the town. Her latest enterprise is to develop a children’s cancer camp in Swan Valley called “Camp Magic Moments.”

240 S. 18th Ave.
Pocatello, ID 83201



Robert Stoddard of Salmon spearheaded a community volunteer project, which was to replace the high school parking lot. His inspiration led the staff and students to provide refreshments, lunches, & dinners to raise money. His act of selflessness in organizing every detail and involving city, county, state, and federal agencies was greatly admired.

6 Kirtley Lane
Salmon, ID 83467

Small Business



Helping others is a way of life for the owners of **Pocatello Cycle Supply**. Byron and Jan Roan organize events to benefit the less fortunate and inspire hundreds of people to join in their efforts. Examples of their assistance include donating Thanksgiving turkeys for the heroes who reside in the State Veterans Home, delivering toys to children during the Christmas season, raising thousands of dollars for a family whose young son was fighting bone cancer.

Jan and Byron Roan
360 Yellowstone Ave.
Pocatello, ID 83201



Organization



Dr. Thana Singarajah from Idaho Falls

“gives back” to the country that gave him a home. Responding to a rash of teen suicides, the Y.M.C.A., and United Way asked him to establish a counseling center. The role has fostered security and instills hope in the community’s youth.

Dr. Thana Singarajah

1740 E. 17th St. Ste. B
Idaho Falls, ID 83404



Lemhi’s Afterschool Promise in Salmon

provides a safe place for children who are exposed to neglect, and drug and alcohol abuse. The program offers:

- * Violence & Drug Prevention Activities
- * Social Skills Development
- * Academic Assistance
- * Emotional Health & Safety
- * Hard-working individuals implement their skills to strengthen children during their challenges

Karen Graham

P.O. Box 24
Salmon, ID 83467

Communities of Promise



The Bonneville Youth Development

Council's (BYDC) Promise started in 1998 with about 25 members and has steadily grown over six years to about 140 members, with the increase in awareness. Their monthly meetings focus on informing members of community on-goings and many partnerships have resulted from those meetings. There are many examples of collaboration among BYDC members including School District #91 had a summer reading program that needed adult supervision. It happened that Southeast Idaho Foster Grandparents were looking for summer volunteer opportunities. They partnered to provide summer reading for higher risk elementary students. Another example is BYDC's partnership with the Idaho Falls Public Library. The partnership has created a youth-friendly teen room at the library with computer access, workshops, and programming for youth. BYDC strives to keep the community informed of resources and community efforts for youth. BYDC has published the Youth Yellow Pages, which is a resource guide for youth in Bonneville County. The approximate number of youth impacted by their efforts is about 6,500.

Alisha Passey

883 Shoup Ave.
Idaho Falls, ID 83402





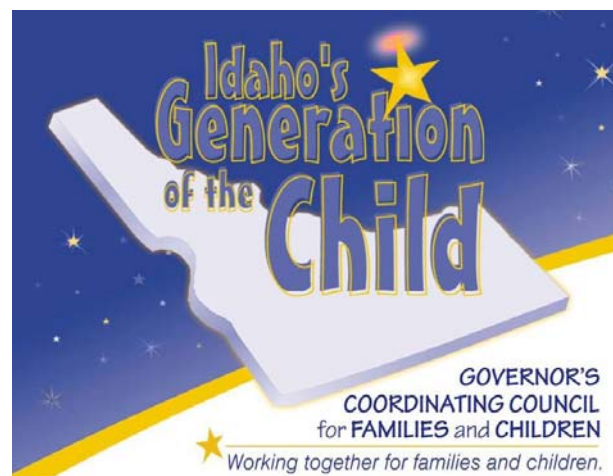
Madison County's Promise was one of the first "Communities of Promise" to be established in Idaho. Their Council is housed at the school district. They have done an excellent job, leveraging grant funding for their efforts. The various awareness campaigns and community-wide events the community council has hosted are impressive. Madison County Community Council has strong leadership and utilizes AmeriCorps members to help with their efforts. Rep. Mack Shirley of Rexburg continues to be a strong champion of Idaho's Promise and the efforts in Madison County.

Madison County's Promise has been recognized by America's Promise as a Priority Community because of their excellence. This means that they have access to a great deal of training and technical assistance directly from America's Promise. Only a handful of Communities of Promise hold this ranking nationally. Efforts in the community are very visual in nature with several outstanding campaigns and activities.

Janet Goodliffe
290 N First East
Rexburg, ID 83440



Thank you for
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LOOKING BACK at BRIGHTEST STARS from 2001-2004

2003-2004 Brightest Stars

INDIVIDUAL

Dave Jacobson, Ashton
*Lt. Mark Cowley, Blackfoot
Kelby Wilson, Cottonwood
Terisa Howell, Eagle
Don Stockton, Eagle
Tony Randall, Gooding
Mayor Ronald B. McIntire, Hayden
Brian Duncan, Heyburn
Jamie C. Carlton, Kimberly
Judy Watson, Kimberly
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ABC Food Bank, Athol
United Way of Treasure Valley, Boise
Cottonwood Jaycees, Cottonwood
Heyburn Lions Club, Heyburn
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Blaine County Youth Partnership, Ketchum
Lewis-Clark Coalition for Families and Youth, Lewiston
McCall Shepherd's Home, McCall
Healthy Nampa Healthy Youth, Nampa
New Plymouth Senior Citizens Center, New Plymouth
Family Services Alliance of Southeast Idaho, Pocatello
Post Falls Lions Club, Post Falls
Preston Elks Lodge #1670, Preston
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A FENCE OR AN AMBULANCE

TWAS A DANGEROUS CLIFF, as they freely confess
Though to walk near its crest was so pleasant;
But over its terrible edge there had slipped
A duke and full many a peasant.
So the people said something would have to be done
But their projects did not at all tally;
Some said, "Put a fence around the edge of the cliff
Some, "An ambulance down in the valley."

But the cry for the ambulance carried the day,
For it spread through the neighboring city;
A fence may be useful or not, it is true,
But each heart became brimful of pity
For those who slipped over that dangerous cliff;
And the dwellers in highway and alley
Gave pounds or gave pence, not to put up a fence,
But an ambulance down in the valley.

Then an old sage remarked: "It's a marvel to me
That people give far more attention
To repairing results than to stopping the cause,
When they'd much better aim at prevention.
Let us stop at its source all this mischief," cried he.
"Come neighbors and friends, let us rally;
If the cliff we will fence we might almost dispense
With the ambulance down in the valley.

Better guide well the young than reclaim them when
For the voice of true wisdom is calling.
"To rescue the fallen is good, but tis best
To prevent other people from falling."
Better close up the source of temptation and crime
Than deliver from dungeon or galley;
Better put a strong fence round the top of the cliff
Than an ambulance down in the valley.

-Joseph Malins